

Near Stafford  
Courthouse VA  
June 8<sup>th</sup> 1863

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Henry Ellis was shot & left on the field. I think he was killed but no one knows for surtain. I am back now where we wer last winter when I wrote to you. Dont know how long we shall stay here. We hold our selves in readiness to march at a minutes notice but we may stay here a month yet. Wm Markham and Al Ellis wer here to day. Dan Reed is here yet al right. I hope you will get your discharge. I dont see what they want to keep a man for that aint of any use to them. I tell you Ad if we ever do git home if we dont have some of the darndest times tat you ever thought of. I cant think of much to write now. I am in such a hurry. It is most night. Excuse this poor letter and bad writing. I will try to do better next time.

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